

The ordinary yellow soap may do well enough for scrubbing and for the coarser work in the laundry, but to get a clear snow-white in the linens and muslins, to save the costly embroideries and the sheer and delicate fabrics, to avoid the unpleasant odor that is often too perceptible in the towels and bed linen, use Ivory Soap, a pure soap made of only the cleanest, best materials.

IT FLOATS.

CRITICISM BY GRAY AROUSES MITCHELL

Miners' President Takes Exception to Wish That "Union Lift Itself From Mine."

DISCIPLINE QUESTION RAISED.

Organization Official Unable to Say Whether Men Convicted of Violence Were Expelled by the Mine Workers.

Philadelphia, Jan. 8.—The principal feature of the proceeding before the coal strike commission today was the exception taken by President Mitchell to a remark made by Chairman Gray, that he would like to see the miners' union come out of the mine that is around the base part of it into the sunlight.

The miners' president said the union should not be indicted unless connection could be shown between it and acts of lawlessness.

The head of the commission replied that he did not wish to indict the organization, but hoped it would disentangle itself from the violence and lawlessness committed during the strike.

The incident came suddenly, while a witness was on the stand, and caused quite a stir among the lawyers on both sides of the controversy. Outside of this the entire day was taken up in hearing the stories of non-union men or their relatives of alleged persecution during the period of the strike.

The Mitchell incident was brought about by Commissioner Parker.

FOREMAN ON STAND.

Anthony Ferguson of Mahanoy City, outside foreman at the North Mahanoy colliery of the Philadelphia and Reading coal and iron company, testified that he was beaten while on his way to the works, that he recognized two of his assailants as union men, and that they were prosecuted and convicted.

Mr. Parker asked the witness if the men were expelled from the union for what they had done, but the foreman did not know.

Mr. Mitchell has stated that he understands that all members of the union found guilty of crime are expelled from the union. Noting the interest the commission took in Mr. Parker's questions, the lawyers for the non-union men called on Terence Giney, a member of the Executive Board of the union in the district where the assault was committed, for the information desired.

Giney said he did not know whether the local union to which the men belonged took any action, and he went on to give a long explanation of how the local unions and individual strikers used every means to disperse crowds and help maintain the peace.

Chairman Gray then asked:

GRAY'S QUESTION.

"Do you wait for conviction by the civil authorities before disciplining your men? Do you think you can have effective discipline unless you make investigations yourself and bring the men up and punish them in some way? I ask you, as a member of the order and as a man who would be glad to see your order come out of the mire and the clouds that are round the base parts of it, into the sunlight and into the air of free government and a free country?"

"If it is proven that our men have committed acts of violence, there is no question about our disciplining them," replied the witness.

Then followed a discussion over the Shenandoah riot and the killing of a man, and in reply to Mr. Mitchell's remark that it was not the miners who did it, Chairman Gray said:

"But there was a crowd, and as yet I

have heard no evidence of a disciplining voice in that mob. No man there said, 'Shame on the crowd.'"

Mr. Parker: "You must not expect the railroad companies to furnish that." The witness said the union would prove that union men tried to prevent the riots, to which Judge Gray replied he hoped so.

MITCHELL OBJECTS.

"There was a further discussion on this subject and then Mr. Mitchell arose and said to Chairman Gray:

"I do not know whether I quite understand you in expressing yourself to the witness as to your solicitude for the organization that is to express itself above the mire or whether it should rise above the mire."

"Perhaps I may have been misunderstood. I said I hoped it would lift itself out of the mire and of the conditions created by these things which have been testified to, around its base part."

Mr. Mitchell in reply said that while the commission is going to determine all the questions that are being presented, there is a greater jury passing upon the attitude of the strikers.

ALLEGES COMPACT.

"As to the action of our organization and the position of the coal operators," he said, "there is no doubt in my mind that many of the witnesses are brought here and do not come as witnesses ordinarily do to testify against the strikers and twenty-one against the United Mine Workers. It does seem to me that there is some connection shown between the United Mine Workers of America and acts of lawlessness, the organization should not be placed under any indictment at all."

Chairman Gray said that he did not wish Mitchell to understand that anything he said indicated the organization.

"I did hope," continued the Commissioner, "that it would disentangle itself from these scenes of violence and lawlessness with which the strike was attended. I am not passing upon that now. I want to hear of isolated instances of outrage which may be all right."

"We are not saying that the organization is involved in every act of violence, and we only want to know whether the organization has interested itself in maintaining the order and the peace, and whether it has disciplined those who actually committed acts of violence alleged to have been committed by the strikers, counsel for the railroad companies and John Markie had told the commission that the United Mine Workers had been committed in the coal region during the strike and wanted the operators to have to opportunity to prove this assertion. Mitchell said: 'We request them that we also request them to do so. We want to hear all the cases where murder was involved.'"

FIRE STARTED BY EXPLOSION.

Family is Aroused in Early Morning by a Blaze.

The explosion of a gasoline stove in Walker & Egloff's bakery at No. 414 Bartmer avenue, at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, endangered the lives of three persons, who were asleep in the second floor of the building, and caused damage estimated at \$5,000.

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